LIFE'S PITY. I think the pity of this life is love: For though my rosebud, thrilling into life, Kissed by the love-beams of the glowing

Meets his fond gaze with her pure, tender

eyes,
Filled with the rapture of a glad surprise
That from his light her glory shall be won; Yet, when into her very heart he sighs, Behold! she puts away her life-and dies. I think the pity of this life is love:

Because to me but little joy has come Of all that most I hoped would make life's For though the perfumed seasons come and

The spring birds warble, e'en the rivers flow To meet some love to which their own doth My bud of love hath bloomed for other eyes.

And I am left-to sorrow and to sighs. I think the pity of this life is love: For from our love we gather all life's pain,

And place too oft our hearts on earthly shrines. Where we would kneel-but where, alas! we fall

Beneath a shadow ever past recall: We seek for gold, when 'tis but dross that shines. Then-if we may not turn our hearts above-I know the pity of this life is love.

LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

-The Overland Monthly.

-"Alfred the Great," by Thomas Hughes, M. P., published by James R. Osgood & Co., is the least successful of the works that have proceeded from the pen of this deservedly popular author. Mr. Hughes is a liberal, but he beholds with ill-concealed anxiety the rapid progress of democratic opinions in England, and he sees much evil as likely to result from the total overthrow of the old order of things that promises to take place in the not far distant future. He loves freedom, but he also loves law, and, bad as matters now are, he trembles lest they shall be worse when the great change comes. In his perplexity Mr. Hughes sighs for a king, and finds his ideal set forth in the language of Carlyle:- "We now come to the last form of heroism, that which we call 'kingship.' The commander over men, he to whose will our wills are to be subordinated, and loyally surrender themselves, and find their welfare in so doing, may be reckoned as the most important of great men. In all sections of English life the God-made king is needed; is pressingly demanded in most, in some cannot longer without peril as of conflagration be dispensed with." Unfortunately for Mr. Carlyle, Mr. Hughes, and some others who are perplexed at the signs of the times, God does not appear to be making kings of this sort just at present, but seems to expect that the advantages of education, culture, rapid means of intercommunication, and other features of nineteenth century civilization will enable each citizen to be in a great measure his own king. would, perhaps, be a very convenient thing to have a king of the Carlyle; kind to do all our governing for us, and relieve us of all care and responsibility in the matter, but if none such is forthcoming we must perforce try and make out the best we can without, Unluckily, too, it is impossible in this degenerate world to rely upon a succession of wise and skilful rulers, for kingly lines have a tendency to diminish in mental capacity in the same proportion that they become impressed with exaggerated ideas of their own importance, and even where kings are elective it is not always possible to get the best man seated upon the throne, as we the people of the United States have more than once discovered to our cost. Mr. Hughes, indeed, appears to be pretty well convinced himself that his ideal king is not obtainable, and in his concluding chapter he gives the excellent advice for each citizen to accept God as his king, and to live virtuously and uprightly in His sight. If Mr. can only persuade every to do this, all further controversy about the best form government may well be diswith. With regard pened the nominal theme of the work before us, we may say that the events of Alfred's life are set forth in very readable shape, and it is shown how he laid broad and deep the foundations of good government in England. The book is strongly colored by the religious and political opinions of the author, which on this

ton, Remsen & Haffeltinger. -"Ralph the Heir," by Authory Troliope, is distinguished by the usual placid style and the usual minute dissection of very commonplace characters that find favor with so many readers. The story is perhaps a trifle more ingenious in the conduct of its plot than is usual with Mr. Trollope, while the moral enforced is certainly salutary. Published by Harper & Brothers and for sale by Claxton, Remsen & Haffeltinger.

side of the Atlantic will not be likely to

diminish its popularity, but we cannot help

thinking that the work would have been more

valuable as well as more interesting if Mr.

Hughes had been less anxious to draw a moral

from his tale. For sale in this city by Clax-

-"The American Cardinal," published by Dodd & Mead, is a story of an American who was converted to the faith of Rome, and, after rising to the dignity of Cardinal, wished to change his religion again, and was in consequence made the victim of various Jesuitical plots. As an attack upon the Church of Rome the novel is too weak both in idea and execution to accomplish a great deal, while its essential vulgarity of style will scarcely make it popular outside of kitchen and stable circles, where it may possibly be read to be anathematized. For sale by Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger.

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-"Castles in the Air, and other Phantasies," is the title of a book of brief sketches and essays by Barry Gray, which has just been issued by Hurd & Houghton. Most if not all of these sketches have appeared in various newspapers and magazines, where they have found favor with the public, and collected in a neat volume, their quiet humor and graceful fancy will commend them to the summer readers who ask that their literary food shall not be of too heavy a kind while the hot weather lasts. For sale by Porter & Coates.

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-From the Central News Company we have received the latest numbers of Punch and Fun.

THE TICHBORNE TRIAL.

A Slight Hitch in the Testimony. The London correspondent of the New York Times, writing under date of May 27, says:-The Tichborne case has been going on smoothly till Thursday, when one of the witnesses for the claimant broke down under cross-examination. On the previous day he pleaded illness, and was released from the witness box. When he afterward returned there he was at first very cool and collected. He had been a trooper in the Carabineers, and Rogers' servant when he was an officer in that regiment; and he was positive enough as to the claimant being his old master, notwithstanding his greatly increased bulk and other changes in appearance. The oppos-ing counsel pressed him very hard as to whether he had been getting up the case for the claimant, coaching him in his evidence, and bringing people to swear to his identity, and although he would admit nothing, he was equally resolute in denying nothing. He would not say he had not declared that the claimant was an impostor, and took refuge in a monotonous repetition of "I don't remember," "I forget one way or another." Of course the claimant is not responsible for such conduct, and it certainly does not follow that the claim is fraudulent just because this witness is a drunken, disreputable fellow, evidently determined to make a good thing out of his "old master," in one way or another. The claim is, therefore, baseless. Still as the onus of claimant, all sorts of wild stories are now afloat in regard to this suit. One is that the claimant is really Sir Roger, but that his narrative of his adventures is, in a large degree. a fabrication, in order to conceal the fact that he committed a murder in South America, for which he might still be called to account. Again it is rumored that the counsel for the actual possessor of the baronetcy and estates is prepared to prove that the claimant is Horton, a butcher, on the evidence of Horton's sister herself. If this happens, there will be a strange conflict of testimony, a sister swearing to a brother and an old lady swearing to a son, and one or other being necessarily wrong.

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which says:—
"If any person shall, on or after the first Monday "If any person shall, on or after the first Monday of July next, maintain or keep in use or operation any stationary steam engine or boiler within the said city of Philadelphia, without having first received a ceruncate that the same has been found to be safe and competent, as is hereinbefore provided, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the Court of Quarter Sessions for said county shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five thousand (\$5000) dollars and to undergo imprisonment in the jail of said county, either with or without labor, as the Court may direct, for a term not exceeding two (2) years."

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The act approved July 7, 1869, with reference to
insured boilers requires the indorsement of this Department, in order to exempt the owners or users
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